Bedlingtonshire Urban District Council

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AND THE

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR

1969

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THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR 1969

Mr. Chairman and Councillors,

I beg to present to you the Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health concerning the health and sanitary conditions of the Urban District for 1969.

I have to report a further fall of 210 in the Registrar Generals' estimated population to 30,040. The number of births fell by 63 to 374 giving an uncorrected birth rate of 12.4 per 1,000 population compared with 14.4 for 1968 and 19.1 for 1964 - a fall of 214 births when compared with that year.

The infant deaths rose to 8 - one under one month and 7 under one week.

The number of deaths rose by 2 giving a total of 336 and a crude death rate of 11.1 per 1,000 population.

On the credit side was a further reduction in the number of infectious diseases notified - the lowest ever recorded and it is gratifying to note that there were only two notifications of pulmonary tuberculosis and one non-pulmonary notification.

During 1969, 3136 meals were served by the W.R.V.S. which is supported financially by the council as well as a chiropody service.

I wish to thank the chairman of the Health Committee for his support and the members for their interest and to my colleagues for their co-operation.

I also wish to place on record my thanks for the work done by the Health Department Staff during the year.

I am, Your obedient Servant,

A. DONALDSON,

Medical Officer of Health

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY

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STATISTICS AND CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area in acres	9,025
Registrar General's Estimate of the Resident Population Mid 1969	30,040
Rateable Value (at 31st March, 1970)	£1,247,455
Product of Penny Rate (estimated)	£5,050
Number of Inhabited Houses	10,013
Number of Council Houses	4,440

COMPARISON OF VITAL STATISTICS (1969) WITH THOSE OF 1968

Comparability Factor : Births 0.98 ; Deaths 1.23

	1968	1969
Population	30,250	30,040
Live Births	437	374
Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population (uncorrected)	14.4	12.4
Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population (standardised)	14.1	12.1
Illegitimate Live Birth % of total Live Births	6.6	6.9
Still Births	11	8
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 live and Still Births	24.5	20.1
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 population ...	0.36	0.26
Total Live and Still Births	448	382
Early Neo-Natal Deaths (under 1 week) ...	1	7
Early Neo-Natal Mortality Rate (Deaths under 1 week per 1,000 Live Births)	2.2	18.7
Perinatal Mortality Rate (Still Births and Deaths under 1 week per 1,000 Live and Still Births)	26.8	39.2
Neo-Natal Deaths (under 4 weeks)	1	8
Neo-Natal Death Rate (Deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 Live Births)	2.2	21.4
Infant Deaths (under 1 year)	3	8
Infant Mortality Rate (Infant Deaths per 1,000 Live Births)	6.8	21.4
Maternal Deaths (Including Abortion)	0	0
Maternal Mortality Rate (Maternal Deaths per 1,000 Live and Still Births)	0	0
Deaths	334	336
Crude Death Rate per 1,000 population ...	11	11.1
Standardised Death Rate per 1,000 population	14	13.6
Deaths over 65 years	224	219
Child Deaths 1 - 4 years inclusive	0	0
Tuberculosis Death Rate per 1,000 population	0.03	0.06
Pulmonary Tuberculosis Case Rate per 1,000 population	2	1.8

CAUSES OF DEATH 1969

Code No.	International Classification	M	F	Total
011	Pulmonary Tuberculosis	1	1	2
065	Viral Encephalitis	-	1	1
142	Malignant Neoplasm of Salivary Gland	1	-	1
143	" " " Alveolus	1	-	1
146	" " " Fauces and Tonsil	2	-	2
150	" " " Oesophagus	-	2	2
151	" " " Stomach	7	1	8
153	" " " Large Intestine	3	1	4
154	" " " Rectum	1	4	5
157	" " " Pancreas	3	1	4
160.2	" " " Maxillary Sinus	1	-	1
162	" " " Bronchus and Lung	20	3	23
172	Melanoma	2	-	2
174	Malignant Neoplasm of Breast	-	8	8
180	" " " Cervix Uteri	-	3	3
183	" " " Ovary	-	2	2
185	" " " Prostate	4	-	4
188	" " " Bladder	2	-	2
189	" " " Kidney	1	1	2
191	" " " Brain	2	1	3
199	" " " Site unspecified	2	-	2
201	Hodgkins Disease	1	-	1
203	Multiple Myeloma	1	1	2
209	Myelofibrosis	1	-	1
250	Diabetes Mellitus	3	-	3
253.1	Anterior Pituitary Hypofunction	1	-	1
340	Multiple Sclerosis	1	-	1
342	Paralysis Agitans	1	-	1
348.1	Progressive Bulbar Palsy	-	1	1
395	Aortic Incompetence	1	1	2
396	Mitral Stenosis	-	1	1
400	Malignant Hypertension	1	1	2
402	Hypertensive Heart Disease	-	1	1
410	Acute Myocardial Infarction	40	30	70
412	Chronic Ischaemic Heart Disease	-	5	5
427	Congestive Heart Failure	6	4	10
427.1	Left Ventricular Failure	2	2	4
427.9	Auricular Fibrillation	-	1	1
428	Myocardial Degeneration	11	20	31
430	Subarachnoid Haemorrhage	1	-	1
431	Cerebral Haemorrhage	6	4	10
433	Cerebral Thrombosis	8	15	23
434	Cerebral Embolism	1	1	2
436	Hypertensive Encephalopathy	1	-	1
437	Cerebro-Vascular Insufficiency	2	2	4
440	Arteriosclerosis	3	1	4
444.2	Mesenteric Thrombosis	1	-	1
450	Pulmonary Embolism	2	2	4
466	Acute Bronchitis	1	-	1

Code No.	International Classification	M	F	Total
480	Viral Pneumonia	-	1	1
481	Pneumococcal Pneumonia	1	-	1
485	Broncho Pneumonia	4	7	11
490	Bronchitis	-	1	1
491	Chronic Bronchitis	17	6	23
515	Pneumoconiosis	1	-	1
531	Gastric Ulcer	-	1	1
540	Acute Appendicitis	1	-	1
553	Strangulated Femoral Hernia	-	1	1
553.2	Strangulated Ventral Hernia	-	1	1
569	Perforation Large Bowel	2	-	2
571	Cirrhosis of Liver	1	-	1
576	Obstrictive Jaundice (Toxaemia)	-	1	1
590	Chronic Pyelonephritis	1	2	3
741.9	Myelomeningocele	-	1	1
743.1	Microcephalus	1	-	1
750.2	Tracheo - Oesophageal Fistula	1	-	1
751.2	Imperforate Anus	1	-	1
777	Prematurity	1	2	3
794	Senility	1	-	1
E812	Motor Vehicle Accident (Two Vehicles)	-	1	1
E814	" " " with Pedestrian	1	-	1
E854	Accidental Barbiturate Poisoning	-	2	2
E910	Drowning, Inattention at Birth	-	1	1
E911	Asphyxia, Inhalation of Food	1	-	1
E950	Suicide, Aspirin Poisoning	-	1	1
E951	Suicide, Gas Poisoning	1	-	1
		185	151	336
	Deaths over 65 years	114	105	219

INFANT MORTALITY RATE 1960 - 1969

	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969
Diarrhoea and Enteritis under 2 years	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
No. of Infant deaths under 1 year	10	13	18	18	11	7	14	8	3	8
Infant morta lity rate per 1,000 Live Births	21.5	26.2	32.9	32.8	18.9	13.0	29.6	15.7	6.8	21.4

There were 8 deaths of infants under one month and 7 under one week.

DEATHS UNDER ONE YEAR 1969

No.	Age	Sex	Place of Death	Cause of Death
1.	Newly Born	F	Home	Asphyxia due to Drowning
2.	20 Hours	F	Hospital	Prematurity } TWINS
3.	20 Hours	F	Hospital	Prematurity }
4.	8 Hours	M	Hospital	Prematurity
5.	4 Days	M	Hospital	Tracheo-Oesophageal Fistula
6.	1 Hour	M	Hospital	Prematurity
7.	6 Days	F	Hospital	Meningo-Myelocele
8.	2 Weeks	M	Hospital	Imperforate Anus

CHILD DEATHS 1969

1 - 4 years inclusive - NIL

Deaths each month during 1969

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
38	32	32	24	33	23	22	21	29	28	24	30	336

TABLE SHOWING STILL BIRTHS, DEATHS UNDER 1 WEEK,
NEONATAL AND INFANT DEATHS 1960 - 1969

Year	No. of Still Births	No. of Deaths under 1 week	Perinatal Deaths (Still Births and Deaths under 1 week)	Deaths under 1 month	Deaths under 1 year
1969	8	7	15	1	8
1968	11	1	12	-	3
1967	5	4	9	6	8
1966	12	7	19	7	14
1965	11	4	15	4	7
1964	10	5	15	6	11
1963	14	8	22	10	18
1962	9	14	23	15	18
1961	7	6	13	10	13
1960	6	7	13	8	10

BIRTHS, 1969

	Live Births		Still Births		Deaths of Infants under 1 yr.		Deaths of Infants under 4 wks		Deaths of Infants under 1 wk.	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Total	210	164	3	5	4	4	4	4	3	4
Legitimate	195	153	3	4	4	3	4	3	3	3
Illegitimate	15	11	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	1

STATISTICS FOR BEDLINGTONSHIRE U.D.C. FOR THE TEN YEARS 1960 - 1969

Year	Population	Deaths	Death Rate	Live Births	Birth Rate	Infant Deaths	Infant Death Rate	Neo-Natal Death Rate
1960	29,710	322	10.8	464	15.6	10	21.5	17.2
1961	29,570	321	10.8	496	16.7	13	26.2	20.1
1962	30,110	324	10.7	546	18.1	18	32.9	27.4
1963	30,640	339	11.0	548	17.9	18	32.8	18.2
1964	30,670	329	10.7	586	19.1	11	18.9	10.2
1965	30,930	330	10.6	535	17.3	7	13.0	7.4
1966	30,940	329	10.6	472	15.2	14	29.6	14.8
1967	30,810	307	9.9	507	16.4	8	15.7	11.8
1968	30,250	334	11.0	437	14.4	3	6.8	2.2
1969	30,040	336	11.1	374	12.1	8	21.4	18.7

DEATHS FROM CANCER SHOWING SITE OF DISEASE 1962-69

Site	1969		1968		1967		1966		1965		1964		1963		1962	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
All Sites	55	28	47	38	46	30	43	30	47	25	36	24	27	28	36	27
Lung and Bronchus	20	3	14	4	20	3	18	1	14	1	13	1	13	1	12	2
Stomach	7	1	6	4	8	9	9	6	9	9	5	8	5	8	4	7
Remainder of Digestive Systen	11	8	10	12	6	7	10	6	9	3	4	5	3	2	11	12
Female Organs	-	13	-	10	-	8	-	10	-	9	-	6	-	11	-	4
Others	17	3	17	8	12	3	6	7	15	3	9	4	6	6	9	2

TABLE SHOWING ANALYSIS OF NOTIFIED CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE UNDER AGE GROUPS - 1969

DISEASE	Under 1 yr.	1 yr.	2 yrs	3 yrs	4 yrs	5 yrs	6-10 yrs.	11-15 yrs	16-25 yrs	26-35 yrs	36-45 yrs	46-55 yrs	56-65 yrs	Over 65 yrs.	Not known	Total
Measles	2	7	5	4	8	20	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	60
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2
Scarlet Fever	-	-	1	-	-	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	4
Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Infectious Hepatitis	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	4	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	10
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	5
Totals	2	7	6	4	8	25	22	5	2	3	1	-	2	-	-	87

MEASLES, WHOOPING COUGH AND SCARLET FEVER
NOTIFICATIONS
1960 - 1969

Year	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969
Measles	4	711	18	623	94	406	161	314	69	60
Whooping Cough	5	8	2	5	3	-	2	-	2	-
Scarlet Fever	7	6	3	7	9	10	2	8	1	5

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES, 1969.

There were 87 notifications of infectious disease during 1969. This is the lowest total ever recorded.

Measles

There were 60 cases of measles notified. It is fact, that this total would have been considerably reduced had measles vaccine been available during the year.

Supplies are still restricted but it is hoped that 1970 will allow the continuation of the measles vaccination programme.

Infective Hepatitis (Jaundice)

There were 10 notifications. The patients' ages ranged between 5 and 35 years, but mainly they were in the 6 - 15 year group.

Scarlet Fever

Five cases were notified.

Dysentery

Four cases were notified.

Food Poisoning

There were five notifications of food poisoning involving two families at different times. One was a child who brought the illness to this district on the final day of her holiday and it was presumed to be due to eating shellfish. Salmonella Typhimurium was cultured from the patient's stool.

The second case involved four members of a family. Two of the victims were seriously ill and one was admitted to hospital. The food pattern was very indeterminate and no common factor was discovered. No organisms were grown from any of the food in the house or from the patient's stools.

Tuberculosis

There were two cases of pulmonary tuberculosis notified and one case of non-pulmonary tuberculosis.

This is a record year for tuberculosis since records were kept in Bedlingtonshire.

There were no cases of Smallpox, Diphtheria or Whooping Cough notified during the year.

CANCER DEATHS, 1969. SITE AND AGE DISTRIBUTION

Site of Disease	MALES							FEMALES						
	0-25	26-35	36-45	46-55	56-65	Over 65	Total	0-25	26-35	36-45	46-55	56-65	Over 65	Total
Malignant Neoplasm of:														
Salivary Gland	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alveolus	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fauces and Tonsil	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oesophagus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
Stomach	1	-	-	1	1	4	7	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Large Intestine	-	-	-	-	1	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Rectum	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	3	4
Pancreas	-	-	-	-	1	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Maxillary Sinus	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bronchus and Lung	-	1	-	2	4	13	20	-	-	-	2	1	-	3
Melanoma	1	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Breast	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	4	8
Cervix Uteri	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	3
Ovary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2
Prostate	-	-	-	-	1	3	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bladder	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kidney	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Brain	-	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Site Unspecified	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hodgkins Disease	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Multiple Myeloma	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Myelofibrosis	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	2	3	-	7	10	33	55	-	-	3	7	5	13	28

TUBERCULOSIS - 1969

Age Groups	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non-Resp.		Respiratory		Non-Resp.	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0 - 1 year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 - 5 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6 - 15 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16 - 25 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
26 - 35 years	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
36 - 45 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
46 - 55 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
56 - 65 years	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Over 65 years	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
Totals	1	1	1	-	1	1	-	-
Grand Totals	2		1		2		-	

NOTIFICATIONS:

Year	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969
Pulmonary	14	13	13	14	8	9	8	7	3	2
Non-Pulmonary	-	5	2	2	-	1	-	-	2	1

DEATHS:

Year	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969
Pulmonary	4	-	1	1	2	1	1	-	1	2
Non-Pulmonary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

TUBERCULOSIS REGISTER ON 31st DECEMBER, 1969:

Year	Pulmonary			Non-Pulmonary			Total Pulmonary and Non-Pulmonary		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
1968	52	13	65	6	11	17	58	24	82
1969	49	6	55	6	10	16	55	16	71

DISINFESTATION

The following shows the separate properties treated for rat and mouse infestation in addition to the regular attention given to sewers and refuse tips.

Private Houses	118
Council Houses	120
Other Council Properties	4
Farms	14
Allotment Gardens	25
Business Premises	84
Open Land	22

Work for the eradication of bed bugs was carried out at 1 Council House and 2 Private Houses and for cockroaches and other insects at 197 houses.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Ministry approval has now been given to plans and estimates for the Central Valley Sewerage Scheme from Netherton to East Sleekburn. Work is expected to commence at an early date. This is the final stage of the Main Drainage Scheme re-sewering the whole district with a sea outfall at Cambois.

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951

Two licences are in force authorising the keeping of pet shops; one at Front Street East, Bedlington and the other at Clayton Street, Bedlington. The premises are visited regularly and no infringements have been found.

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1963

Two boarding kennels, one at Bothalhaugh, Choppington and the other at "Springdawn," Sheepwash Bank, are licensed under this Act. Very high standards are maintained.

RIDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1964

One licence is in force for the riding school at "Springdawn," Sheepwash Bank.

SCRAP METAL DEALERS ACT, 1964

At the end of the year a total of twenty-one scrap metal dealers were registered with the local authority. There were five new registrations.

Eight dealers have scrap yards or stores within the district and four are itinerant collectors.

AGRICULTURE (SAFETY, HEALTH & WELFARE PROVISIONS) ACT, 1956

A survey of all 31 agricultural holdings in the district has been made. All these premises conform to the welfare standards of the Act.

WATER SUPPLY

All houses in the district have a mains supply from the County Borough of Tynemouth Water Undertaking. The water continues to be adequate and of good quality. Seven houses with a standpipe in the back yard will be dealt with on the slum clearance programme.

The opening of the outdoor swimming pool at Hunford Mill was delayed for one month until June 28th to allow works to be carried out to the walls of the pool.

When it closed on September 27th attendance for the three months was 13,184. The weather during this period was excellent. The river water used is sand filtered and chlorinated before entering the pool.

Twenty six samples were examined by the Public Health Laboratory for bacteriological examination with very good results.

WATER SAMPLES TAKEN 1969

No. of Samples		Coliform Bacilli per 100 c.c's
2	Mains supply	Nil
24	Hunford Mill Swimming Pool	Nil
1	" " " "	1
1	" " " "	17
28		

NEW HOUSES COMPLETED DURING THE YEAR 1969

By Local Authority	136
By any other Housing Authority	-
By Private Persons	8

SLUM CLEARANCE PROGRAMME

During the year the Council has pursued its policy of clearing out sub-standard houses and Closing and Demolition Orders have been made on a further 85 houses including the colliery rows of Sea View and Quality Row, Cambois and Shiney Row, Bedlington.

60 Council houses have been made available for slum clearance rehousing and with 9 families finding their own accommodation a total of 69 families was rehoused from 66 houses.

470 houses are still to be dealt with at an estimated 70 per year.

Demolition Orders made	78
Closing Orders made	7
Previous Orders determined	-
Houses vacated	66
Families rehoused	69
Persons rehoused	217
Houses demolished	113

FAMILIES REHOUSED FROM SLUM CLEARANCE HOUSES

	To Council Houses	Finding their own Accommodation
1956	100	4
1957	188	-
1958	271	3
1959	117	4
1960	84	3
1961	57	11
1962	57	4
1963	56	11
1964	101	16
1965	85	8
1966	51	8
1967	76	10
1968	46	18
1969	60	9

HOUSES ON THE SLUM CLEARANCE PROGRAMME FROM
WHICH FAMILIES HAVE BEEN REHOUSED (up to 31/12/69)

Bedlington:

Hartford Bridge Cottage	1
Ewart Hill	1
Glebe Road	90
Deanery Street	2
Telephone Row	20
Cross Row	12
Shiney Row	10
Catholic Row	18
Rose Villa	3
Colville's Buildings	2
Dowson's Buildings	10
Hartford Road West	5
Old Hall	12
Sun Inn Yard	6
Vulcan Place	53
Bower's Buildings	6
Stoker's Buildings, Vulcan Place	7
Vicarage Terrace	3
Murray's Yard	7
Baptist Yard	14
Wilson's Yard	1
Quarry Houses	2
Laird's Cottage	1
Foggan's Yard, West End	5
Rosella Place	4
Joyce's Yard	3
Front Street West	8
Hirst Head Cottages	3
Hirst Terrace	7
Millbank Gardens	1
Old Colliery Row, East End	20
Bell's Place	21
Hollymount Cottages	3
Hollymount Hall	9
Chapel Row	2
Bedlington Bank	3
Foggan's Yard	2
Front Street	8
The Quay	4
Stoker's Buildings	4
Smith's Buildings	4
Marshall's Buildings	5
Woodbine Cottage	1
School House	1
Coach Road	1
	405

Bedlington Station:

Ravensworth Street	2	
Ravensworth Terrace	37	
North Row	40	
South Row, Nos. 47-84	36	
Shop Row	29	
Wilkinson's Buildings	6	
Red Row	48	
Old Red Row	5	
Taylor's Buildings, Red Row	20	
Bridge House	2	
Bridge End	11	
Dene House	8	
Moorland Cottages	10	
Liddle's Yard	13	
Dene View	2	
River View	4	
School House	1	
Puddlers' Row	20	
Craggs' Buildings	10	
Staithes Quay	3	
Ivy Cottage	1	
Institute House	1	
		309

Barrington:

Chapel Cottages	2	
Chapel Row	21	
Stone Row	12	
Garden House	2	
Parson's Cottage	1	
School House	2	
Railway Row	18	
Office Row	17	
Middle Row	14	
Routledge's Buildings	22	
Freehold Row	24	
Double Row	25	
Stable Cottages	2	
Victoria Row	24	
Alexandra Row	34	
		220

Netherton:

Clifton Row	31	
Yard Row	90	
Howard Row	60	
Village	4	
North Farm Cottage	1	
Farm Cottages	5	
Moor Cottage, Hartford	1	
Office Row	3	
Red House Farm	1	
Red House Farm Caravan	1	
Blue House Caravan	1	
Burnt House Farm Cottage	1	199

Cambois:

Caravan, Wansbeck Ferry	1	
Railway Bungalows	4	
New Row	10	
Link End	4	
Farm Cottages	2	
Stable Cottages	1	
Sinker's Row	21	
Chapel Row	20	
Store Row	22	
Institute Houses	3	
Sea View	4	
Quality Row	3	
Boca Chica	1	96

Choppington:

Sunnyside	20
Grand View	6
Rose Cottage	1
Storey's Buildings	6
Leanan's Buildings	4
Station Bank	2
Station House	1
Blackburn's Buildings	11
Strong's Buildings	24
Institute Buildings	4
First Row	24
Second Row	24
Third Row	22
Fourth Row	22
Fifth Row	18
Sixth Row	19
Seventh Row	14
Eighth Row	10

South Front Row	6	
North Front Row	6	
Foster's Buildings	8	
Front Street, Scotland Gate	21	
Colliery Square	2	
Chapel Row	20	
School Row	20	
School House	2	
Richardson's Buildings	6	
Stoker's Buildings	2	
Heslop's Buildings	2	
Rutter's Buildings	21	
Peter Gill's Cottages	6	
Whinney Hill Cottages	2	
Whinney Hill Cottage Farm	1	
Whinney Hill, No. 7	1	
Pace Bush	3	
Pringle's Buildings	4	
Double Row, High Pit	10	
Single Row, High Pit	13	388

Guide Post:

Cruddas Terrace	6	
Sheepwash Bank	17	
Front Street	10	
Anvil Cottages	2	
Freehold Terrace	37	
High Street	10	
Ford Terrace, Nos. 12, 12½, 13	3	
Tulip's Buildings	7	
Byron Street	3	
Rutherford Street	5	
Gordon Street	1	
Sawmill Cottages	2	
Shaw's Buildings	7	
Mowbray Terrace, Nos. 20, 20a, 21, 21a ...	4	
Woodbine Cottages	1	
Sheepwash Cottage	1	116

Stakeford:

Trojan Street	26	
East View	11	
Middle Row	14	
North View	16	
West View	13	
Ivy Cottages	10	
Moor Cottages	3	
Farm Cottages, Bomarsund	4	
Ord Terrace	2	
Ellesmere Gardens	1	100

West Sleekburn:

Old School House	1	
Liddle's Terrace	22	
Marshe's Cottages	2	
North Row	64	
South Row	82	
Institute Row	64	
Store House	1	
Walker's Terrace, East Sleekburn	7	
Ternent's Cottages, East Sleekburn	1	244

Total number of Private Houses demolished or closed	2077
Demolished Council Houses, Eastgreen	50
Army Huts, Wansbeck Place	29
Army Huts, Hartford Camp	357
	2513

INSPECTION AND REPAIR OF HOUSES

During the year 106 inspections were made of houses other than those dealt with under the slum clearance programme. The following is a list of works carried out as a result of notices served on the owners. One statutory notice was complied with.

Works Effected:

Roofs repaired	20
External walls repaired	11
Fallspouts and Eavesgutters renewed	11
Chimney stacks and flues repaired	4
Yard surfaces re-laid	3
External staircases repaired	3
Inspection chamber covers renewed	3
Dampness remedied	13
Wallplaster repaired	8
Ceilings renewed	5
Ceilings repaired	4
Doors renewed	6
Doors repaired	5
Floors renewed	7
Floors repaired	6
Fireplaces renewed	2
Windows repaired	8
Water closet cisterns repaired	4
Drains repaired	5
Drains cleared	2
Dustbins provided	3
Internal water supply provided	1
Wash up sink provided	1
Water supply pipes repaired	2

RENT ACT, 1957

Applications for Certificates of Disrepair	NIL
Undertakings carried out by the Owner	NIL
Certificates of Disrepair cancelled by the Council	NIL
Certificates in force	NIL

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

Further advances have been made in this field under the recent Housing Act, 1969. Exchequer grants are available for environmental improvement, the normal maximum discretionary grant is raised from £400 to £1,000 and the standard improvement grant from £155 to £200. Certain items of repair or replacement are now eligible for grant, the ventilated foodstore has been removed from the required list of basic amenities whilst conditions attached to improvement grants have been made more flexible.

Discretionary Grants:

Houses considered for grant during the year	39
Number approved	39
Total amount of grants approved	£11,194-14-10d
Average grant approved per house	£287- 0-11d
Number of houses improved during the year	36

Works of Improvement:

Internal W.C.'s provided	35
Bathrooms with baths, hand basins and new drains	35
Hot water provided	30
Kitchenettes provided	31
Ventilated food cupboards	27
Wash up sinks	32
Electricity provided	15
New windows	26
New fireplaces	9
New bedrooms provided	2
Fuel stores	2
Room converted into kitchen	1
Room converted into bathroom	2

Standard Grants:

Applications -	approved during the year	14
	brought forward	2
	not approved	1
Grants -	paid during the year	12
	total amount paid	£500-9-2d
	outstanding at end of year	4

Works of Improvement:

Internal W.C.'s provided	11
New bath provided	1
Wash hand basin	1
Hot water supply	1
Food store	2

Houses in which Improvements have been completed since the commencement of the Scheme

	Discretionary Grants Paid	Standard Grants Paid
1951	2	-
1952	-	-
1953	12	-
1954	17	-
1955	12	-
1956	24	-
1957	33	-
1958	127	-
1959	85	1
1960	130	1
1961	118	6
1962	127	1
1963	91	11
1964	36	26
1965	73	10
1966	23	13
1967	36	14
1968	36	9
1969	36	12
TOTAL	1018	104

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

The following table shows the number of factories on the register.

	Mechanical	Non-Mechanical
Bakeries	1	
Blacksmiths	1	
Boot and Shoe Repairing	5	
Butchering/Pie Making	6	
Butchering/Sausage Manufacturing	7	
Brick Manufacturing	2	
Canteen Kitchens	17	
Concrete Manufacturing	2	
Concrete - Pre-Cast Manufacturing	2	
Earth Moving Equipment	1	
Electrical Components Manufacturing	1	
Electrical Generating	1	
Electrical Repairing	1	
Engineering	4	
Fish Frying	11	
Funeral Furnishings	1	
Gas Holding	-	1
Ice-Cream Manufacturing	3	
Joinery	6	
Locomotive Repairing	1	
Mineral Water Manufacturing	2	
Motor Vehicle Repairing	20	
Painting	1	2
Plastics Manufacturing	1	
Plumbing	-	5
Potato Cleaning and Packing	1	
Printing	1	
Scrap Metal Recovery	5	
Slaughtering	2	
Television and Radio Repairing	2	
Textile Manufacturing	3	
Tyre Repairing	1	
Upholstery	1	
Washing Machine Repairing	1	
	114	8

INSPECTION FOR PURPOSES OF PROVISIONS AS TO HEALTH:

Premises	Number on Register	Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(1) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4, and 6 are to be enforced by the Local Authority	8	87	-	-
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	114	91	4	-
(3) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	122	178	4	-

CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND:

Particulars	Found	Remedied	Referred	
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector
Want of cleanliness	1	1	-	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage to floors	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences:				
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	3	3	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	4	4	-	-

4 Outworkers are employed by G.T. Culpitt and Son, Limited, making cake decoration, artificial flowers etc., in their own homes.

SHOPS ACT, 1950

The following are the various kinds of shops within the district for the purposes of the Act.

Grocers and General Dealers	77
Greengrocers	3
Butchers	14
Fried Fish Shops	11
Wet Fish Shops	2
Baker's Shops	5
Public Houses and Clubs	45
Off Licence Premises	2
Chemists	7
Confectioners	9
Newsagents and Stationers	16
Drapers	13
Wool Shops	4
Boot and Shoe Retailers	3
Boot and Shoe Repairers	5
Hardware	5
House Furnishing	1
Jewellery and Fancy Goods	1
Optician	1
Ladies' Hairdressers	18
Gent's Hairdressers	9
Motor Cars and Accessories	12
Electrical Appliances	5
Handicraft Stores	2
Paints and Wallpaper	3
Departmental Store	1
Dry Cleaners	5
Betting Shops	12
Pet Shops	2
Post Offices	7
Florists	1
Launderamas	3
Snack Bars	2
Second Hand Clothing	1
Bargain Shop	1

OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

Class of Premises	Premises registered during the year	Registered premises at end of year
Offices	1	33
Retail Shops	3	145
Wholesale shops and warehouses	1	2
Catering establishments	2	29
Fuel Storage depots	-	-
TOTALS	7	209

235 Inspections including 10 general inspections were carried out at the various premises during the year. Four accidents were reported and investigated in accordance with Section 48. No further action was necessary.

CONTRAVENTIONS REMEDIED:

Cleanliness	2
Temperature	1
Washing facilities	1
Sitting facilities	1
Floors, passages and stairs	2
Toilets	4
First Aid	3
Abstract	1

PERSONS EMPLOYED IN REGISTERED PREMISES

Class of Workplace	Persons Employed
Offices	111
Retail Shops	469
Wholesale departments, warehouses	12
Catering Establishments open to the public	101
Fuel Storage Depots	-
TOTAL	693
	227 Males 466 Females

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Food Preparation Premises and Food Shops

Bakeries (Including pie makers)	7
Baker's Shops	5
Butchers	14
Cafe's	1
Canteen Kitchens	17
Catering Depots	1
Confectioners	9
Fried Fish Shops	11
Greengrocers	3
Grocers and General Dealers	77
Ice-cream Manufacturers	3
Mineral Water Factories	2
Public Houses and Clubs	45
Snack Bars	2
Wet Fish Shops	2

New Food Shops opened during the year:

Self Service Store	1
Butcher	1
Grocer and General Dealer	2

All comply with the requirements of the Food Hygiene Regulations.

Ten cases of foreign matter in food were reported and all were dealt with satisfactorily without resorting to legal action.

Food examined and found to be unfit for human consumption:

Meats	64 tins	Bacon	107½ lbs.
Fruit	46 "	Brisket	4¼ "
Tomatoes	23 "	Cooked Ham	64¼ "
Fish	28 "	Cooked Pork	9 "
Peas and Beans	62 "	Chopped Pork	35 "
Vegetables	6 "	Corned Beef	18 "
Soups	5 "	Milk Powder	56 "
Cream	24 "	Frozen Foods	150 packs
Baby Foods	57 "		
Puddings	4 "	Total weight	2280 lbs.

Milk Supply:

The licensing of retailers of Pasteurised, Sterilised and Untreated Milks and the taking of samples of milk continues to be the responsibility of the County Health Department.

Within the district 5 dealers are retailing Untreated Milk, 15 retailing Pasteurised Milk and 43 retailing Sterilised Milk.

Ice-Cream

Three premises are registered under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, for the manufacture of ice cream, two by the heat treatment method and one by the cold mix process.

70 Premises are registered for the sale of ice-cream. All conform to the standards required by the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations with regard to hand washing facilities, etc.

Bacteriological Sampling

1. Milk

	Satisfactory	Failed
Untreated	-	1
Pasteurised	24	1
Sterilised	-	-
	24	2

2. Ice-Cream

Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4
57	17	-	1

3. Other Foods

	No. Taken	Unsatisfactory
Sausage	3	1
Meat Pies	2	1
Flour Confectionery	1	-
Fresh Cream	1	-
Milk Powder	2	1

Meat Inspection

Only two private slaughterhouses operate within the district. Both are fully equipped and maintained in accordance with the Slaughterhouse (Hygiene) Regulations, 1958, and the Slaughter of Animals (Prevention of Cruelty) Regulations, 1958.

Regular inspections are made by Veterinary Officers of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

A 100% inspection of all carcases and offal has again been maintained throughout the year, and all carcases stamped in accordance with the Meat Inspection Regulations, 1963. No charge is made for meat inspection, all meat being for consumption within the district.

CARCASES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR IN PART

	Steers	Heifers	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs not sows	Sows	Boars
Number killed and inspected	270	50	9	-	1332	467	3	19
ALL DISEASES EXCEPT TUBERCULOSIS AND CYSTICERCOSIS								
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	48	2	3	-	65	101	1	4
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticercosis	17.77%	4.0%	33.33%	-	5.03%	21.62%	33.33%	21.05%
TUBERCULOSIS ONLY								
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-	0.21%	-	-
CYSTICERCOSIS								
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

MEAT AND ORGANS CONDEMNED AS BEING UNFIT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION

BOVINE ANIMALS

Heads	Actinobacillosis 1
Lungs	Flukes 19, Pleurisy 10, Stomach Contents 48.
Livers	Abscesses 12 whole and 3 part Cirrhosis 20 whole and 33 part Degenerated Cysts 1. Fatty Infiltration 1.
Hearts	Degenerated Cysts 1.
Skirts	Abscesses 4, Inflammation 2.
Spleens	Inflammation 4.

SHEEP

Whole Carcases	Dropsy and Emaciation 1 weighing 50 lbs. Moribund and Ill-bled 1 " 63 lbs.
Lungs	Abscesses 1, Degenerated Cysts 7, Parasites 5, Pleurisy and Pneumonia 31.
Livers	Abscesses 1 whole and 1 part Cirrhosis 8 whole and 2 part Degenerated Cysts 11 Fatty Infiltration 1 Inflammation 1

PIGS

Heads	Tuberculosis 1
Lungs	Pleurisy and Pneumonia 93, Stomach Contents 3
Plucks	Inflammation 3
Hearts	Pericarditis 7
Livers	Milk Spots 4 whole and 1 part Fatty Infiltration 1